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■ **OFF-ROAD:** icy reception

Wainfleet ATV trail panned

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Wainfleet held a public meeting about a proposed trail diagonally across the township that in some places would necessitate all-terrain vehicle riders using public roads.

Tracy-Lynn Bell-Volpato, president of Quad Niagara ATV Club, said the club believes in safe, responsible riding and respecting landowners' rights.

She said the club would have — if the trail were allowed — wardens to watch over trails and ensure riders were following proper etiquette. It would also have insurance through the Ontario Federation of ATV clubs.

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■ **BARN FIRE:** Flames consume 120-year-old structure at Millrace and Forks Rd.

Brothers couldn't save cattle

DAVE JOHNSON AND
 MARYANNE FIRTH
 InPort News Staff



As Wainfleet Fire and Emergency Services firefighters hose down smouldering hay bales at a farm on Millrace Rd. Wednesday morning, an excavator clears hay bales and other debris away.

WAINFLEET — Two Wainfleet brothers couldn't save any of their 100 cows and calves caught in an early morning fire despite their efforts to get the animals outside and away from the barn they were housed in.

Tim Bartels, 25, said he smelled something weird at about 12:50 a.m. Wednesday, May 23 and got up to take a look outside.

What he saw was fire coming from the second floor from the middle of the barn on their property near the corner of Millrace and Forks Rd.

"My brother and I tried to unhook some of the cows ... and we got some calves loose outside the barn, but they all ran inside," said Bartels.

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■ **BARN FIRE:** Damage could reach \$1 million

120-year old barn demolished by excavator

FROM PAGE 1

There was nothing the two could do as the fire spread through the barn at 41797 Millrace Rd., which Bartels estimated at more than 120 years old and which had been altered over the years with additions.

"The barn was here for probably 80 years before my dad got here ... my dad came here in 1965," said Tim Bartels.

Roughly half the 100-head herd were dairy cows and the rest were a mix of calves, bulls and heifers. The family also had raw milk stored on site that was to be picked up on Wednesday.

Bartels, who worked on the farm before taking on another job, didn't know what his father planned to do next, but said he'd probably try to start over. He said his son younger

brother was set to take over the farm from their father.

The barn was here for probably 80 years before my dad got here ... my dad came here in 1965."

Tim Bartels

Family and friends gathered on the front porch of the family home and watched as Wainfleet firefighters hosed down hot spots and a large John Deere excavator was used to clear smouldering piles of hay and the remains of the barn.

Wainfleet fire Chief Harry Flagg said the excavator was

called in at 2 a.m. to help tear down the barn. He said it was beyond saving.

Flagg said the call came in at 12:30 a.m. The two-storey barn was fully aflame when volunteer firefighters arrived on scene.

"We called both Pelham and Port Colborne for mutual aid with tankers and manpower," said Flagg.

Both of those departments sent six men each to assist Wainfleet's firefighters. Flagg said Wainfleet has 45 volunteer firefighters, though not all were on scene.

"Some of our guys were working night shifts and they came here this morning," he said.

Wainfleet's tanker trucks and the ones from Port Colborne and Pelham shuttled

back and forth between the fire scene and a hydrant at the township arena at the other end of Millrace. Firefighters also pumped water from two nearby creeks.

The fire was so intense it caused a hydro line to melt and fall, melted paint off a garage across the street and singed nearby plants and bushes.

"We were trying to protect nearby exposures," said Flagg.

Paramedics were on standby at the scene until 7 a.m. Flagg called in the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and environmental remediation and hazardous materials abatement company Quantum Murray.

Flagg said the Agriculture Ministry representative was called because of the animals that died in the fire.

The Environment Ministry was to look at water run-off coming from the fire and ensuring it did not enter nearby creeks. The fire water run-off could possibly be contaminated from the dead animals and their waste inside the barn.

Quantum Murray is going to bring in a vacuum truck to clean up the water," the chief said, adding the company was also working to make sure nothing entered the creeks.

Flagg expected firefighters to be on scene all day. He said Ontario Fire Marshall's Office investigators would not be called in to try and determine a cause because there was nothing left of the barn to look at. He said there was nothing to give firefighters any cause for suspicion about the fire.

No one was injured in the blaze.

Two hay wagons parked outside the barn were also damaged.

"It was a real mess," said Niagara Regional Police Sgt. Mike Waters.

Though a dollar figure has yet to be placed on the damage, Waters estimated it could reach the \$1-million mark.

Once all factors of the working dairy farm are considered, "damage is going to be in excess of several hundred thousands," he said.

Adding in the destroyed structures could increase that number to \$1 million, he said, citing the damage "pretty extensive."

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■ **ATV TRAIL:** Club members want a legal trail system

Residents express concerns over safety, noise

FROM PAGE 1

Well-Volpato's presentation was brief and it was the second time she's appeared before council. Last November, the club proposed another location for a trail system in the township and that was met with criticism from nearby residents. The club went back to the drawing board and came up with the proposal presented Tuesday night.

As pitched, the trail would start at Phillips Rd. near Forks Rd., head west on Feeder Rd. E. (on the north side of the road), go down to Overbark Rd. where it would then head south on



Well-Volpato

Malowany Rd., go west again on Garringer Rd. to Side Rd. to Side Rd. 22, head north on Side Rd. 22 to Feeder Rd. W., go east on Feeder Rd.

W. to Side d. 20, go north on Side Rd. 20 to Feeder Rd. W. (on the north side) and then head west to the Halldamend County border.

Rob Houle would see the trail run right in front of his

home. He was not in favour of it all.

"Let's look at the pros and cons of this proposed trail for the people of Wainfleet ... First the pros ..." said Houle, who fell silent for a second.

"And now the cons." He said there are 35 taxpayers along with route who will be affected by a trail running across the tops of their drive ways.

"Their right to enjoy the peace and quiet of their rural lands will be disturbed immeasurably by scores of passing ATVs. Keep in mind, these are not scooters, they

are motorized vehicles that operate at decibels bordering on the cacophony of a Harley-Davidson."

Houle said — and others agreed — that property values will drop if ATV trails run past their homes.

"... it is not council's obligation to cater to a special interest group from out of the township, its responsibility is to the people of Wainfleet," he said.

One man said ATVers tear across his property and have no regard for anyone's safety.

He said gates closing an access road on his property

had been stolen and holes had been cut in his fence so ATVers and motorcycles could continue using a trail they made.

"A weekend at my place is pure hell," the man said, adding he's afraid someone is going to get hurt.

Well-Volpato said those types of riders are irresponsible, but if given a legal trail system and some education, problems they cause could be eliminated.

A Quad Niagara club member from Virgil said education is key and that all club members want is a place

to ride. His comments were echoed by a couple of other ATV riders at the meeting. Having a legal trail system that winds through Niagara is what the club is wanting, though, trying to establish trails in other municipalities is not.

Mayor April Jeffs said the next steps are for a staff report to come forward addressing the comments of residents and looking at the current plans in place for the recreation master plan.

The public, she said, has until Tuesday, May 29, to submit comments.

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■ **FAITH:** Port Colborne church celebrates 150th anniversary

Faith, family found at First Evangelical Lutheran

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Faith has played a role in Margaret Young's life for as long as she can remember.

Since she was a young child, First Evangelical Lutheran Church on Elm St. has always been part of her family's life. The church and its congregation have been an integral part of Young's upbringing in the lakeside city.

"I was baptized and confirmed there," said Young.

"I remember having picnics after church at Sugarloaf Farm. My grandmother went to the church, both my parents went to the church. My own children were baptized and confirmed there."

Young, chair of First Evangelical's congregational council, described the congregation as a tight-knitted community.

"It's a family. That's for sure," she said. "A lot of us grew up together. We were in junior and senior choirs at the church. We used to have congregational picnics where everyone brought food. Our youth group used to host camps. There's a lot of memories."

First Evangelical Lutheran Church has been a mainstay in Port Colborne for 150 years. The history of the church dates back to April 13, 1862, when St. Paul's Lutheran Church was formed in what was then known as Humberstone. A parcel of land was purchased on Cranberry St. (now Elm St.) and in 1864 the first church building was dedicated.



EDDIE CHAU Staff Photo

Many generations are members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Colborne, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. Pictured are, front row: Lucas and Arwyn McDonald. Back row: Pastor Tom Arth, Karen Bernatz, Lenore Stratford, Mildred Bearss and Elvine Bearss.

By the beginning of the 20th century a group of Lutherans wanted to worship in English but the churches in Port Colborne were worshipping in English and German. To accommodate the need

Holy Trinity Church was constructed on King St.

By 1925, St. Paul's and Holy Trinity were worshipping in English. The two congregations discussed merging.

The result was a new con-

gregation known as First Evangelical Lutheran Church which used the Elm St. building as worship space and Holy Trinity's facility on King St. as a church hall and Sunday school.

Over the years the church facilities were renovated and expanded.

"But the history of First Lutheran Church is more than a history of construction projects," said current pastor

Tom Arth.

"It's a history of people, a history of pastors, a history of baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. It's a history of the faith formed in 150 years of worshippers."

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■ Our view

No to ATVs

Residents made it very clear: ATVs aren't welcome in the township.

Council chambers were packed and a public meeting with pro- and anti-ATV trail supporters last week, with the anti-trail side being the more vocal of the two groups.

Both sides had their chance to present their case about a proposed trail through the township, one which would stretch diagonally across the township from border to border and would see the ATVs using public roads, in stretches, to make the trip.

Residents raised many valid concerns concerning ATVs, things like noise and property damage.

Some ATVs have turned through farmers fields across the township and across the property. One man said gates had been stolen and fences cut on his property. The speed of the riders and dust being raised as they sped by were also brought up.

Tracy-Lynn Bell-Volpato, president of Quad Niagara ATV Club, told council and residents that those kinds of riders were irresponsible and did not represent the club.

While we agree with her that those types of riders are totally irresponsible and disrespectful, we believe it's hard for most people to separate the good from the bad ATV riders.

Club members may be the nicest people in the world, but when residents have had nothing but bad experiences with ATVs, they look at every rider as a bad rider. Club members can't expect residents to change overnight and will have to work very hard if they want residents on their side.

One resident said the proposed trail would run right in front of his house. He was concerned such a trail would devalue his property and make it harder to sell, were he looking to leave Wainfleet.

In total, he said, there are 35 taxpayers along the proposed route who could be affected by a trail running across the tops of their driveways.

Their right to enjoy the peace and quiet of their rural lands would be disturbed, he added.

He called the ATVs an outside, special interest group.

While there could be club members from Wainfleet, it does appear the club is made up of residents from outside the township and that the trail would be for them.

The club said Wainfleet residents would probably use the trail themselves. And while that may be true, the club should have brought in some of those residents if it wanted to make a stronger case for the trail.

Once all of the public comments are in, the deadline was this past Tuesday, staff will come up with a report and present it to council.

Like club members and residents alike, we're anxious to see what becomes of the proposal.

■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

REV. GORD ABRAHAM
Port Colborne Baptist Church

In street language, "what would it take to pay God off, to guarantee I am right with God?"

In more refined language, "What would it take to pay God for all my wrongdoing, sin and self-interest?" "What would it take to satisfy His standard of holiness?" However we ask it, the question is the same. To find an answer, lets start at the end of this question and give an answer from God's revelation of himself and His will - the Bible.

Scripture tells us that the only way for any person to satisfy the perfect standard of the God of Israel is perfection. The perfect standard is God himself. His character and His actions. Here's just a taste:

1 Sam 2:2 "There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no rock like our God."

Ps 47:8 "God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne."

Ps 73:13 "Your ways, God, are holy.

God is Holy and His standard is complete perfection through perfect obedience to the 10 Commandments without one mishap, disobedient word or action. In other words, Perfection of your residing in His love to be honest. You are not perfect. None of us are perfect.

Now here is the crunch. All of us react to this in one of two ways. The first is to deny there is a God that believes me of accountability. That is another issue. The rest of us try to pay God off. We don't use these words, but below the surface, we are trying to. We try to tell

God what his standard is and then set a course of action that we think will satisfy God. In the hope that we can get to the necessary level of acceptability with God. Setting our own standard allows us to wiggle out of His standard by saying, "Oh sure, I admit it, I am not perfect! Maybe I've lied a bit, thought bad things, taken what doesn't belong to me, wished evil on some people, cursed sometimes, but who hasn't?" "Give me a break, nobody's perfect!" "I'm not a mass murderer, a bank robber, a womanizer!"

We will then try works of charity, busywork in our community, helping people in need, and being nice, so often as possible. All this is good, but how much pays God off? God's Perfection is the standard.

We may add things from our religious upbringing; working for our church, living up to the beliefs and standards required, confessing our wrongdoings when necessary, fulfilling all requirements like being baptized, confirmed in our specific faith tradition, and taking membership. None of this is wrong, but how much is enough to reach perfection?

We all fall short. Some of us a long way short, some just a little short, some of us midway short, but short is short. The standard is perfection! This is God's standard! None of us are righteous in God's sight. Living a good life and trying to follow the 10 Commandments only makes the problem worse. It shows us how far we really are from God's perfect standard.

Romans 3:20 "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."

Back to our original question: how do I pay God off? How do I get to the point where He says, "Okay, you're good enough!" The answer is plain and simple, I can't and never will on my own! That is why Jesus became a human.

We read the declaration made while on earth about Jesus in Mark's Gospel 1:24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know you who are—the Holy One of God!" The evil spirits knew Who they were up against! God sent His Son Jesus, who lived a life of perfection so he could give us His perfect standing with God.

Read the next scriptures very carefully and very honestly.

Romans 3:21 "But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile. 23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished."

So, I am not perfect. I cannot reach perfection with God. Jesus Christ has taken my punishment and given me His righteousness (perfect standing with God) and I respond with nothing more than faith and trust and commitment to follow Him. I accept that Jesus has fully satisfied God's standard and I can do nothing but receive his perfect standing with God, by faith. Jesus' death as payment for sin is the only payment God accepts! Trust him! There is nothing more that you must do.

A song tells it simply and clearly, "I owe a debt I cannot pay, He paid a debt He did not owe, I needed someone to wash my sins away." That someone is Jesus!

2 Corinthians 5: 21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

■ readers' views

Not a fan of Kevin Smith

Re: Province will back hospital: Smith, May 2

I take exception to Kevin Smith's opinion that he doesn't see a lack of transportation hampering ill patients from south Niagara getting to one central hospital. His words: "When I look at how many of our patients arrive by public transportation, it's a very small

number."

Maybe he would change his tune if one of those patients was his mother or grandmother. My parents helped to pay for the Port Colborne hospital that serves us now. I think god that they are not here to see it go under, with Smith's recommendations.

Elyse Wallingford
Port Colborne

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A hospital dilemma

I am disappointed in the hospital recommendation report put forth by Niagara Health system's provincially appointed supervisor, Kevin Smith.

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I am disappointed because I do not believe what he has suggested is feasible, that a south Niagara hospital be built to replace those in Welland, Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Niagara Falls.

To suggest a new super hospital for south Niagara at a cost of \$900 million is unrealistic.

There are three reasons for my skepticism. The first reason is the provincial government has a \$15-billion

deficit at present.

The second reason is we are just completing a new super hospital in St. Catharines, to service Niagara.

The third reason is the government just rejecting by a request for funding by the Grimsby hospital. Grimsby's request was modest in comparison.

I am disappointed when some people say Welland hospital was officially opened in June 1960, and it is difficult to understand that it cannot be modern-

ized at a fraction of the cost of the proposed new hospital.

There is one more unsavory aspect: when we are represented by the new democratic Party representatives, I doubt upper government would give the New democrats a platform.

as we sit in lines waiting for a decision, there are major concerns for the citizens of Welland.

It has been suggested that some of our essential

services be transferred to St. Catharines.

These services were brought and paid for by the local people.

When they are transferred the chance of getting them back are slim.

We need to protect what we

have and continue to improve our hospital services.

When the provincial government decided to form the LHINs, the area was massive.

The plans unrealistic.

Why not be sensible and co-ordinate the successes in the Niagara area as one unit.

Form other units across the province.

We need our council representatives to take a stronger stand on what is happening at our hospital.

Tom Carter
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■ COLUMN

Embrace competition in a dog eat dog world

Some people shake in their boots at the sight of a competitor, no matter what the prize may be over.

Your nerves get the best of you as you spot an athlete on the opposite team that you are playing against in the Niagara Regional soccer tournament. You feel beads of sweat drip down your face as you become introduced with a fellow contestant in the Spelling Bee you are in. And your legs practically collapse upon walking through the doors of the place in which you have an interview when you see an



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intimidating competitor already seated.

So what should you do when you are placed in a situation where you are face-to-face with your competitor? Should you pretend they aren't there, twiddle your thumbs in their presence, or shyly smile at them?

What you should do is introduce yourself, give them

a firm handshake, and wish them luck. Why? Because, as the old saying goes, "Let the best man (or woman) win."

In almost every aspect in one's life, there is competition. The race to who will win a scholarship, who will have the fastest time in rowing, or who will be crowned Valedictorian of your graduating class.

Not every competition has to turn into a Team Angelina or Team Jen situation. You should be civil and polite with your fellow competitor, no matter what you're fighting over (unless, of

A person cannot be the best at something unless competition exists, nor will you be able to tell whether or not you really deserved the reward unless you have truly fought for it."

course, the fight is over Brad Pitt).

In fact, you should embrace competition.

It's a crazy thing to do in this dog eat dog world. Think about it like this: if you participate in a race including yourself and a six year old, chances are, you are going to win the race. But if you participate in a race

that includes several other runners who are at your age, the chance of winning decreases.

But how can one truly call themselves the best if they know that they are going to win before the competition even starts?

A person cannot be the best at something unless competition exists, nor will

you be able to tell whether or not you really deserved the reward unless you have truly fought for it.

So the next time you become faced with someone who is competing against the same thing that you are, do not shy away or become concerned about how well they are at whatever it is you're competing over. Only worry about yourself and how wonderful of a job you do.

Most importantly, no matter how intimidating someone looks, remember your own success and have confidence.

■ ROSE FESTIVAL: Encouraging school rivalry

Eagles issue float challenge

MARYANNE FIRTH
In Port News Staff

WELLAND — Fly, or rather float, like an Eagle, Eastdale Secondary School has issued a challenge to all Niagara elementary and secondary schools to spread their wings and venture into new territory — float building.

After great success in last year's Welland Rose Festival Grande Parade, taking home awards for best miscellaneous and best school float, Eastdale hopes to encourage other schools to get involved in the big event on June 24.

As they did last year, Eagles will be entering two floats in this year's festivities, with one representing the school as a whole and another cuisine-themed float representing Eastdale's culinary arts program.

To up the ante, Eastdale is particularly putting the pressure on Port Colborne High School, which also has a celebrated culinary program, to take on the challenge.

"It could be a good competition between the two schools," said festival president Jeff Ward. It would not only enhance the parade, but the festival's relationship with the city of Port Colborne.

"It's great. Who doesn't love a little school rivalry," culinary arts teacher Roland Pouliot said lightheartedly.

His students have loved participating in the parade and look forward to continuing the tradition annually.

"It really gets them enthused," he said, crediting the teens for being the creative talent behind Eastdale's award-winning floats.

Participating in the big celebration is not only beneficial for the students, but for the school itself.

It helps to "make an impression on the community" on behalf of Eastdale and allows the work of students to be recognized by the public, Pouliot said.

Schools bring "the spirit of the community" to the event, said parade chair Larry LaRose, who hoped to encourage students to participate in what he calls "the best time of the year."

About 10 floats have been confirmed for this year's parade thus far, though Ward hopes to see that number double.

For more information on participating, visit www.wellandrosefestival.on.ca or call 905-732-ROSE (7673).

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Eddie the Eagle had his game face on Friday as he issued a challenge to area schools to build floats for next month's Welland Rose Festival Grande Parade. The Eastdale Secondary School mascot was joined by culinary arts teacher Roland Pouliot, left, and parade chair Larry LaRose, who hope to see schools from across Niagara jump on board for the June 24 parade.

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■ **WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY:** Music in the market square

LINDSAY COSTELLO Staff Photo

Port Colborne High School band The Blue Notes jazzes up the market square on Friday as members play to a crowd gathered to observe World Fair Trade Day. A flag raising was held at city hall and fair trade treats were served to marketgoers. Port Colborne has been holding annual gatherings since earning the distinction of Ontario's first fair trade town three years ago.

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The program, with Putzy (Elizabeth) Madronich, starts Monday, June 11 and will run from 1:30 to 4 p.m. It will take place in the

community room at Bridges, 177 King St., Port Colborne.

"Many people find the creative experience of art can help them reduce stress and improve self-esteem and awareness," said Lori Kleinsmith, Bridges health promoter.

"Sometimes we have difficulty expressing our thoughts and feelings through words; expression through different art forms can be a great

alternative. It's also just a lot of fun."

During the program, participants will be introduced to different art methods, such as painting, and all materials will be provided. No previous art experience is necessary and there is no cost to register. To register for the program, please call Lori at 289-479-5017 ext 2448 or e-mail lori.kleinsmith@bridgeschc.ca.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



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Port Catholic Sobey's deli manager Linda Bidgood, in the chicken suit, took part Catholic Education Week at Market Square recently with students from St. Theresa school.

RECIPE of the month JUNE

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No-Bake Boston Cream Pie

PREPARATIONS:

1. In a 12" x 12" pan, mix the butter with graham crackers, using about 1/2 of them, breaking some in but to cover pan fully. Set aside.
2. Custard: Place cream cheese in a small bowl. In a second small bowl, whisk together the eggs & egg yolks. Set aside. In a deep, heavy saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat & stir in the sugar. Add salt to the top of the cream, and stir well. When the mixture has just off-boiled, turn down the heat to a low simmer. Add the egg mixture to the pot. Stir continuously & vigorously, working up from bottom of pot. Continue whisking for about 5 minutes, until the custard thickens & starts to feel large bubbles around the sides of the pan. Turn off the heat & stir in the vanilla. Spread one third of the pudding over the graham crackers, spread the 2 more discs. Making three layers, then a final layer of graham crackers. Set aside.
3. Frosting: Melt the butter & scoop powder together in sauce pan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Add 1/2 cup of 1/2 vanilla. Whisk in well. Let bubble 3-5 more minutes. Remove from heat & beat in sugar with hand mixer or whisk. When mixture is smooth, mix in vanilla. When the frosting is hot & liquid, pour over top of graham crackers. Sprinkle with nuts & swirl in hot water. Cover with parchment foil, or put in hot bowl the top of dessert in it. It will solidify in 15-20 minutes. Refrigerate a minimum of 4 hours, or up to 2 days before eating.

1.20 cup. graham crackers, (about 4 sleeves)

CUSTARD:
2.25 tsp. Cornstarch
2 large eggs
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1/4 cup sugar 1/4 tsp. Salt
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■ **EDUCATION:** Michael Blair representing today's youth

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Michael Blair, from Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School, left, is new co-chair of the student senate and a student trustee for Niagara District Catholic School Board. Dan DiLorenzo, principal of Lakeshore Catholic, believes students couldn't have made a better choice.

Lakeshore teen joins ranks of Catholic trustees

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — There's a new 16-year-old sitting among Niagara Catholic District School Board trustees.

Michael Blair, a Grade 11 Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School student, has been elected co-chair of the board's student senate and a student trustee for the 2012-13 academic year.

Blair was elected at the annual Niagara Catholic Student Senate Leadership Symposium held at Club Roma in St. Catharines on May 15.

"The time I have is essentially dedicated to helping the community in some way, I feel like I'm able to, so I should," he said.

Blair has served three consecutive years on student council at Lakeshore and was elected by the school's council to run for senate.

Next year he'll represent more than 25,000 students along with his counterpart — Vincent Auliah, a Grade 10 student at Denis Morris Catholic High School in St. Catharines.

Blair, a Port Erie resident who is also a member of that town's mayor's youth advisory council, is an army cadet, a volunteer on the War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee and volunteer at the Port Erie YMCA.

He intends to run for a seat on the the Catholic Board Council of the Ontario Student Trustees at the annual general meeting this weekend in Toronto.

"I feel like this position is truly a way to express what students need from the board," he said.

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Michael Blair

Blair wants to ensure all policies the board passes mesh with Catholic values, but also with attitudes of modern Canadian teens.

"(Catholic morals and values) are really what's lacking in society," he said. Lakeshore principal Dan DiLorenzo said he couldn't be happier to see Blair as a student senator. He said he is well organized, completes every task and is a very dedicated student.

"I think he's an excellent representative for the Catholic board," DiLorenzo said. "We're very proud of his accomplishments."

Although Blair enjoys politics he doesn't intend to run for office after university. He wants to go to school for mechanical engineering and join the Canadian Forces, but he'll continue to volunteer for candidates during elections and work hard to stay informed.

"It's important to know how we govern ourselves and what's going on to make the best choices for this country," he said.

As a student trustee with the Catholic board, Blair does not have the same voting powers as trustees selected during the municipal elections.

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■ **CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD:** Sanctions for Sicoli, Fera

Trustees turfed from in-camera sessions

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Niagara Catholic District School Board has placed sanctions on two of its trustees.

At the April 24 board

meeting Port Colborne trustee Dino Sicoli and Niagara Falls trustee Frank Fera were sanctioned during an in-camera meeting.

Sicoli and Fera were barred from attending

closed-door meetings until the end of June and from chairing a committee of the board until Dec. 31, 2012.

Education director John Crocco said the board has sanctioned the trustees, but refused to explain

why, saying the sanction was decided behind closed doors and is confidential.

"The board has fully complied with its obligations and responsibilities under the provisions of the Education Act, the

Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the Trustee Code of Conduct," Crocco said.

Fera said it was unclear why he and Sicoli had been sanctioned, but he believes it might be punishment for

trying to investigate a conflict of interest board chair Kathy Buttnik declared on Dec. 6, 2011, pertaining to services Buttnik Printing provided the school board.

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■ **TRUSTEES:** "We did nothing wrong."

Trustees secure lawyer, intend to take matter to court

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The minutes of that board meeting state "she had inadvertently not disclosed conflict of interests (sic) since October 2007, and it has recently come to her attention that on June 13, 2007, 13 individual

cheques have been issued to her family business totalling \$7,597.31."

"We did nothing wrong," Fera said on Friday.

Neither Crocco nor Burntk would confirm whether the conflict of interest played a

part in the sanction.

Crocco said one of the reasons to take an issue in-camera comes "when the subject matter under consideration involves security of property of the board or disclosure of intimate personal or finan-

cial information, respect of a member of the board or commissioner or active employee or pupil or parents or guardian."

Burntk on Friday said the board determined the trustees breached the code of conduct and "were sanctioned

accordingly."

Sicoli said it is a shame a dispute has escalated.

Gary Wheeler, senior media relations co-ordinator for the Ministry of Education, said in an e-mail the matter is a board issue and the board is in the

best position to speak to it.

Fera and Sicoli have secured a lawyer and intend to take the matter to court.

"We refuse to be muzzled," Fera said. "We believe that we have sufficient grounds to apply for a judicial review."

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■ **POLICE:** Jeff McGuire a 34-year Toronto police veteran

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ERICA BAJER
QMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES — Niagara's new police chief has walked the beat.

Jeff McGuire has been in charge of Toronto's homicide squad. He's led Toronto's downtown 51 Division, known as one of the most challenging patrols in the city.

For 34 years, he climbed the Toronto Police Service ranks to acting deputy chief in charge of specialized units.

On June 18, he'll take over as Niagara Regional Police Service's top cop.

"I've spent my entire life, since I was 18, in policing," McGuire said. "I was looking for an opportunity where I would be able to lead a large organization and help it move forward."

His operational background is a contrast to that of retired chief Wendy Southall, Niagara's first civilian chief.

"Wendy's done a tremendous job," McGuire said. "There were things that needed to be fixed and organized properly and changed that she had the expertise to do... she did that. A lot of the administrative pieces she's taken care of have made a difference and left a really good framework."

"That slide of the house is in really good shape."

McGuire said he's looking forward to working in Niagara, where two of his three daughters attended Brock University. The married father admits there are challenges facing the local service, including its facilities plan and budget.

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McGuire



PORT COLBORNE

**NOTICE TO CITIZENS
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Mayor Vance M. Badawey has called for a special meeting of City Council to be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Offices, Council Chambers, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne.

As per the resolution of Port Colborne City Council, Nyon Oil Inc. will provide a presentation concerning the project evolution, including a final "concept plan", for the Port Colborne Energy Park. The public meeting will include a presentation from proponents of Nyon Oil Inc. and an opportunity for public participation. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and to provide input.

Prior to the meeting, the consultant team representing Nyon Oil Inc. will host an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Committee Room 3, third floor, City Hall, to explain aspects of the project of interest to the public.

The agenda for the special meeting will be available on the City's website on Thursday, June 7, 2012. Printed copies of the agenda may also be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

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■ **CHIEF:** Morale 'absolutely important'

Education, experience speak for itself: D'Angela

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McGuire said his operational experience and strong background in investigations will help in his new role.

"That gives me the opportunity to get off on the right foot as a leader with the cop that's out there driving the car," he said. "I've certainly experienced almost every aspect of policing."

He acknowledged morale is also on his radar, calling it

"absolutely important."

"It's key to the success of an organization," he said.

Niagara Region Police Association president Paul Di Simoni said morale among the rank and file has been low for a "considerable period of time."

He said the association is looking forward to working with McGuire, who has a good reputation in the policing community.

"I'm hoping together we can make positive changes in the organization," he said.

"There's some things that can be done and should be done differently."

He pointed to human resources issues and service delivery as areas he'll be looking to work on with McGuire. Di Simoni said while there were qualified internal candidates for the chief's position, he respects the decision

of the Niagara Police Services Board to hire from outside the community.

"It's really about the person and the skill sets they bring to the organization," he said.

Board chair Henry D'Angela said board members were looking for the best chief possible and liked what McGuire brought to the table.

"We felt he was the candidate best-suited to lead the Niagara Regional Police at

this point in time," he said. "His resume speaks for itself in terms of his education and experience, which is critical."

He said McGuire's "vast experience base" and talents made him the man for the job.

Deputy Chief Joe Matthews said he's pleased the board has named a new chief, a role he's been filling since Southall retired at the end of March.

He said that while he was a candidate for the chief's position, he respects the board's decision to hire from outside the organization. He's looking forward to working with McGuire and supporting him in his new role.

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Welland River Floodplain Review and
Implementation Committee

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's legislative mandate as set out in the Conservation Authorities Act is to establish and undertake programs designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources.

In keeping with its mandate, through its Water Management program the NPCA identifies and regulates development in flood prone lands, valley lands, wetlands and Great Lakes shorelines. As part of this work it is necessary to review the status of technical information and policies to ensure that information is up-to-date to reflect current standards.

In recent years CA's throughout the province have undertaken modeling studies in order to update their old floodplain mapping. In 2006, NPCA began its program to reanalyze and remap the floodplains within its area of jurisdiction and in 2010, began work on updating the modeling/mapping for the Welland River Watershed.

In January 2012, after concerns by affected landowners were brought forward the NPCA Board formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to engage affected property owners, review issues related to generation and implementation of the new floodplain mapping and to advise on a strategy and timeline for implementing the new mapping. *This committee will include four (4) members appointed from the public at large.*

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Make appropriate recommendations to the NPCA Board with respect to implementing updated floodplain mapping for the Welland River through:

- ♦ Attending meetings as required
- ♦ Participating in setting out a process to allow for transparent public input
- ♦ Reviewing peer opinions including technical information (i.e. rainfall, sedimentation, modeling assumptions, etc.) as appropriate to validate and confirm the accuracy and applicability of new floodplain mapping in accordance with provincial Technical Guidelines
- ♦ Reviewing current policies related to existing uses and new construction in the Welland River Floodplain and make recommendations for new policy including phase in options for updated floodplain mapping
- ♦ Participating in development of a process to disseminate information quantifying impacts of the infrastructure and operations affecting the Welland River (i.e. siphons, hydro operations, bridges)
- ♦ Reviewing possible viable options to reduce floodplain damages or risks

HOW TO APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE

Any persons wishing to be considered for membership to the committee should forward a letter of interest by 4:00 PM, Friday, June 15th to:

Mr. Tony D'Amario, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
250 Thorold Rd., 3rd Floor
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Port Colborne High School's goalie keeps a watch on the action as Port High players, in grey, and Eastdale players, in red, battle it out behind the net Friday in a ball hockey tournament in Welland. Port High won the game 1-0.



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